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Title : METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR USE IN  
ANCHORING A SUTURE  
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Sir:

Submitted herewith is an Information Disclosure Statement  
citing U.S. Patent No. 5,626,614 issued May 6, 1997 to Hart.

CERTIFICATION

It is hereby certified that no item of  
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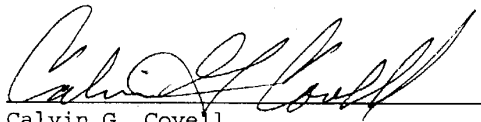
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Enclosed herewith is a check for \$130.00 to cover the petition  
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Applicant's attorneys became aware of U.S. Patent No.  
5,626,614 after September 1, 1997.

If for any reason the Examiner believes that a telephone  
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it is respectfully requested that he call applicant's attorneys  
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